

HB 1773 -- COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

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Currently, an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) can be in a collaborative practice arrangement with a collaborating physician if the APRN meets certain requirements which include maintaining a geographic proximity to the collaborating physician. This bill removes the geographic proximity requirement.

This bill specifies that, an advanced practice registered nurse who is not a certified registered nurse anesthetist will no longer be required to enter into a collaborative practice arrangement when the APRN:

(1) Has a license in good standing and has been in a collaborative practice arrangement or arrangements for a cumulative total of 2,000 documented hours with a collaborating physician or physicians; or

(2) Has applied for and received licensure by endorsement and successfully demonstrated at the time of such application to the State Board of Nursing the completion of a cumulative total of 2,000 documented hours of practice.

This bill expands the practice of advanced practice nursing to include the prescription of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapies.